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**Address by
the President of the Council of the
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),
Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano,
on the occasion of the Presentation of the
43rd Edward Warner Award**

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*Distinguished friends and colleagues,
Honoured guests,*

It is an honour and great privilege for me to officially open this 43rd Edward Warner Award Ceremony.

This evening we will be honouring an individual who has made eminent contributions to the development of international civil aviation throughout her career, and who has been a beacon of ambition and accomplishment to women pursuing aviation careers.

This award, which I have the honour to now posthumously present to Dr. Ángela Marina Donato on behalf of the Council of ICAO, consists of a medal and a diploma. The citation accompanying the Award reads as follows:

Dr. Donato dedicated over fifty years of her life to the development and strengthening of commercial aviation. Throughout her tenure in a number of senior positions, including Undersecretary of Commercial Air Transport of Argentina, Director, Air Transport Bureau of ICAO, Secretary of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission and Secretary General of the Latin American Association of Air and Space Law, she helped ICAO Member States to achieve agreement on a wide range of topics, leading to the publication of the *Manual on the Regulation of International Air Transport* and the *Guidance on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families*.

Dr. Donato continually promoted the contribution of women to the aviation sector, setting an example for future generations through her dedication to and expertise in her field.

Throughout her long career, she devoted her life to cultivating multiple aspects of aviation knowledge and to training several generations of specialists through her courses, seminars, conferences and publications. This prolific work led ICAO and the International Aviation Women's Association to recognize her in a 2014 joint publication as one of the 70 most outstanding women in world aviation history.

Dr. Donato was, without question, a pioneer as a female demonstrating leadership and commitment to some key areas of international commercial aviation, and leaves a lasting legacy in advancing the fundamental aims of ICAO and the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of ICAO, its Governing Council, and indeed the entire civil aviation community, I wish to conclude now by acknowledging the tremendous debt of gratitude owed to Dr. Donato's leadership, knowledge, and generosity, and for her far reaching contributions to enhancing international civil and commercial aviation.

Thank you for your attention.